# Asymmetric key cryptography

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### Introduction

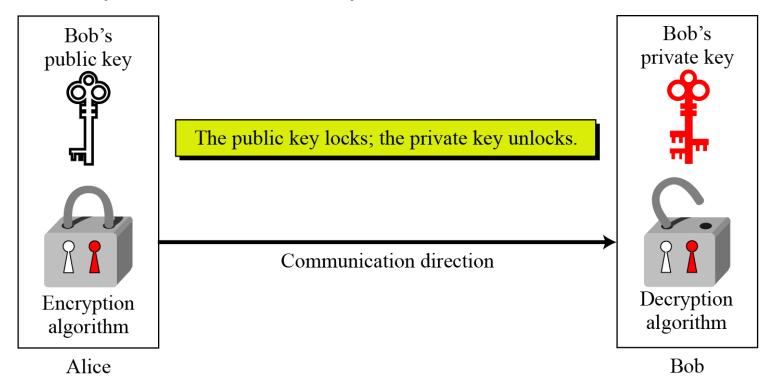
- Symmetric and asymmetric-key cryptography will exist in parallel and continue to serve the community.
- They are complements of each other
  - The advantages of one can compensate for the disadvantages of the other.
- Symmetric-key cryptography is based on sharing secrecy
- Asymmetric-key cryptography is based on personal secrecy.

### Need for Both

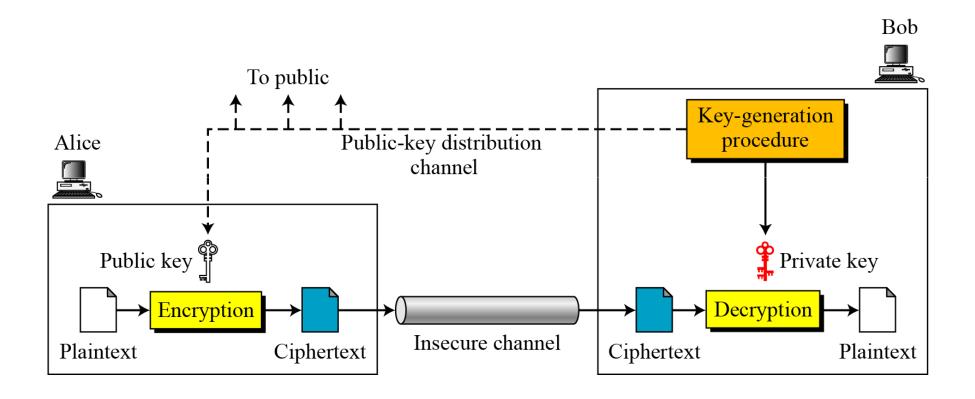
- There is a very important fact that is sometimes misunderstood
- The advent of asymmetric-key cryptography does not eliminate the need for symmetric-key cryptography.

# Keys

- Asymmetric key cryptography uses two separate keys
  - one private and one public.



## General Idea



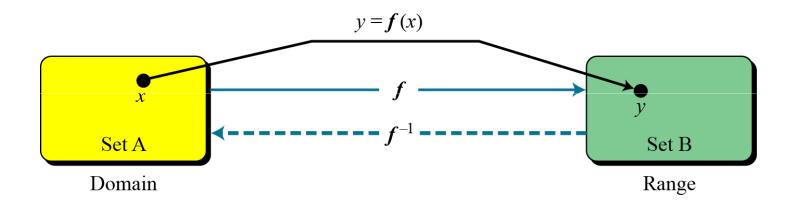
## General Idea...

- Plaintext/Ciphertext
  - Unlike in symmetric-key cryptography, plaintext and ciphertext are treated as integers in asymmetric-key cryptography.

$$C = f(K_{public}, P)$$
  $P = g(K_{private}, C)$ 

## **Trapdoor One-Way Function**

The main idea behind asymmetric-key cryptography



# Trapdoor One-Way Function...

One-Way Function (OWF)

- 1. f is easy to compute. 2.  $f^{-1}$  is difficult to compute.
- Trapdoor One-Way Function (TOWF)
  - 3. Given y and a trapdoor, x can be computed easily.

# Trapdoor One-Way Function...

#### Example

• When n is large,  $n = p \times q$  is a one-way function. Given p and q, it is always easy to calculate n; given n, it is very difficult to compute p and q. This is the factorization problem.

#### Example

• When n is large, the function  $y = x^k \mod n$  is a trapdoor oneway function. Given x, k, and n, it is easy to calculate y. Given y, k, and n, it is very difficult to calculate x. This is the discrete logarithm problem. However, if we know the trapdoor, k' such that  $k \times k' = 1 \mod \Phi(n)$ , we can use  $x = y^{k'} \mod n$  to find x.

#### Definition

•  $a = [a_1, a_2, ..., a_k]$  and  $x = [x_1, x_2, ..., x_k]$ .

$$s = knapsackSum(a, x) = x_1a_1 + x_2a_2 + \dots + x_ka_k$$

- Given a and x, it is easy to calculate s. However, given s and a it is difficult to find x.
- Superincreasing Tuple

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$$a_i \ge a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{i-1}$$

#### **Algorithm 10.1** *knapsacksum and inv\_knapsackSum for a superincreasing k-tuple*

```
      knapsackSum (x [1 ... k], a [1 ... k])
      inv_knapsackSum (s, a [1 ... k])

      s \leftarrow 0
      for (i = k \text{ down to } 1)

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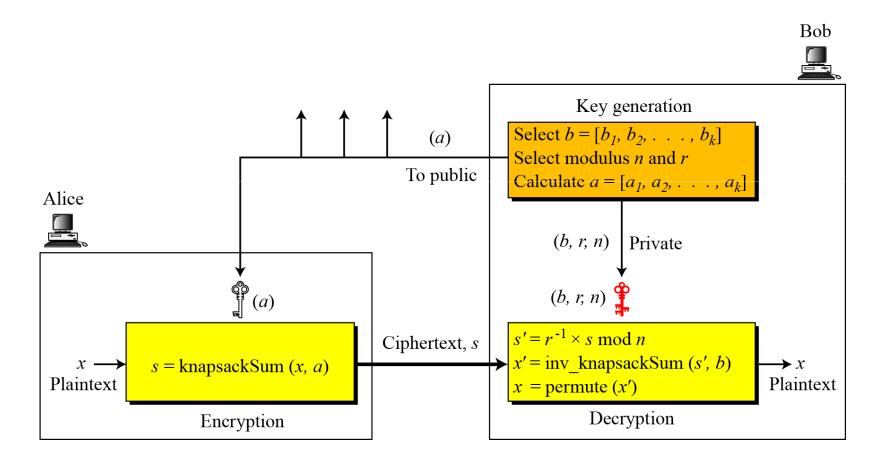
#### Example

As a very trivial example, assume that a = [17, 25, 46, 94, 201,400] and s = 272 are given. Table 10.1 shows how the tuple x is found using inv\_knapsackSum routine in Algorithm 10.1. In this case x = [0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0], which means that 25, 46, and 201 are in the knapsack.

**Table 10.1** Values of i,  $a_i$ , s, and  $x_i$  in Example 10.3

i	$a_i$	S	$s \ge a_i$	$x_i$	$s \leftarrow s - a_i \times x_i$
6	400	272	false	$x_6 = 0$	272
5	201	272	true	$x_5 = 1$	71
4	94	71	false	$x_4 = 0$	71
3	46	71	true	$x_3 = 1$	25
2	25	25	true	$x_2 = 1$	0
1	17	0	false	$x_1 = 0$	0

Secret Communication with Knapsacks.



#### Key generation:

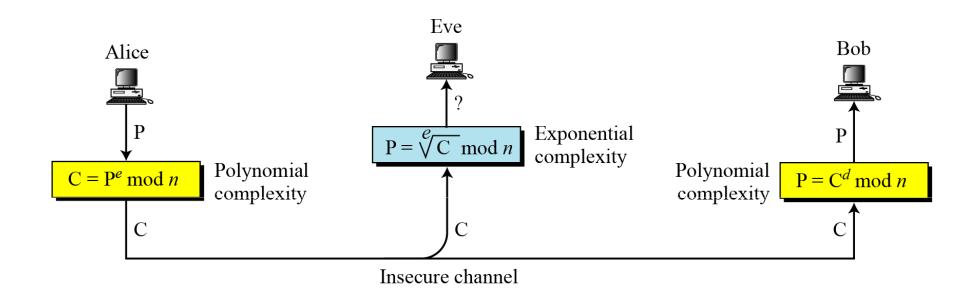
- a. Bob creates the superincreasing tuple b = [7, 11, 19, 39, 79, 157, 313].
- b. Bob chooses the modulus n = 900 and r = 37, and  $[4\ 2\ 5\ 3\ 1\ 7\ 6]$  as permutation table.
- c. Bob now calculates the tuple t = [259, 407, 703, 543, 223, 409, 781].
- d. Bob calculates the tuple a = permute(t) = [543, 407, 223, 703, 259, 781, 409].
- e. Bob publicly announces a; he keeps n, r, and b secret.
- 2. Suppose Alice wants to send a single character "g" to Bob.
  - a. She uses the 7-bit ASCII representation of "g",  $(1100111)_2$ , and creates the tuple x = [1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1]. This is the plaintext.
  - b. Alice calculates s = knapsackSum(a, x) = 2165. This is the ciphertext sent to Bob.
- 3. Bob can decrypt the ciphertext, s = 2165.
  - a. Bob calculates  $s' = s \times r^{-1} \mod n = 2165 \times 37^{-1} \mod 900 = 527$ .
  - b. Bob calculates  $x' = Inv\_knapsackSum(s', b) = [1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1].$
  - c. Bob calculates x = permute(x') = [1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1]. He interprets the string  $(1100111)_2$  as the character "g".

#### Exercise

```
Given the superincreasing tuple b=[7,11,23,43,87,173,357], r=41 and modulus n=1001, encrypt and decrypt the letter 'a' using the Merkle-Hellman knapsack cryptosystem.
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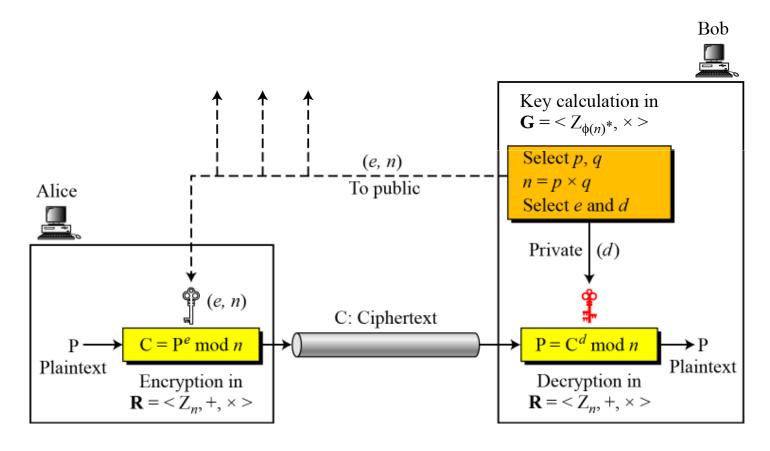
Use [7 6 5 1 2 3 4] as the permutation table.

 The most common public-key algorithm is the RSA cryptosystem, named for its inventors (Rivest, Shamir, and Adleman).



RSA uses modular exponentiation for encryption/decryption; To attack it, Eve needs to calculate  $\sqrt[e]{C}$  mod n.

 Encryption, decryption, and key generation in RSA



Two Algebraic Structures

Encryption/Decryption Ring:

$$R = \langle Z_n, +, \times \rangle$$

Key-Generation Group:

$$G = \langle Z_{\phi(n)} *, \times \rangle$$

RSA uses two algebraic structures:

a public ring  $R = \langle Z_n, +, \times \rangle$  and a private group  $G = \langle Z_{\varphi(n)} *, \times \rangle$ .

In RSA, the tuple (e, n) is the public key; the integer d is the private key.

#### **Algorithm 10.2** RSA Key Generation

```
RSA_Key_Generation
   Select two large primes p and q such that p \neq q.
   n \leftarrow p \times q
   \phi(n) \leftarrow (p-1) \times (q-1)
   Select e such that 1 < e < \phi(n) and e is coprime to \phi(n)
   d \leftarrow e^{-1} \mod \phi(n)
                                                            // d is inverse of e modulo \phi(n)
                                                             // To be announced publicly
   Public_key \leftarrow (e, n)
   Private_key \leftarrow d
                                                              // To be kept secret
   return Public_key and Private_key
```

#### Encryption

#### **Algorithm 10.3** RSA encryption

```
RSA_Encryption (P, e, n)  // P is the plaintext in \mathbb{Z}_n and \mathbb{P} < n {
\mathbb{C} \leftarrow \mathbf{Fast\_Exponentiation} \ (P, e, n)  // \mathbf{Calculation} \ of \ (P^e \bmod n)
\mathbf{return} \ \mathbb{C}
}
```

In RSA, p and q must be at least 512 bits; n must be at least 1024 bits.

#### **Decryption**

#### **Algorithm 10.4** RSA decryption

```
RSA_Decryption (C, d, n) //C is the ciphertext in \mathbb{Z}_n

{
    P \leftarrow Fast_Exponentiation (C, d, n) // Calculation of (\mathbb{C}^d \mod n)
    return P
}
```

Can you give a proof of RSA?

Proof of RSA

If  $n = p \times q$ , a < n, and k is an integer, then  $a^{k \times \phi(n) + 1} \equiv a \pmod{n}$ .

```
\begin{aligned} P_1 &= C^d \bmod n = (P^e \bmod n)^d \bmod n = P^{ed} \bmod n \\ ed &= k \phi(n) + 1 & \text{$//$d and $e$ are inverses modulo } \phi(n) \\ P_1 &= P^{ed} \bmod n &\to P_1 = P^{k \phi(n) + 1} \bmod n \\ P_1 &= P^{k \phi(n) + 1} \bmod n & \text{$//$Euler's theorem (second version)} \end{aligned}
```

# Some Trivial Examples

#### Example

• Bob chooses 7 and 11 as p and q and calculates n = 77. The value of  $\Phi(n) = (7 - 1)(11 - 1)$  or 60. Now he chooses two exponents, e and d, from  $Z_{60}*$ . If he chooses e to be 13, then d is 37. Note that  $e \times d \mod 60 = 1$  (they are inverses of each other). Now imagine that Alice wants to send the plaintext 5 to Bob. She uses the public exponent 13 to encrypt 5.

Plaintext: 5

 $C = 5^{13} = 26 \mod 77$ 

Ciphertext: 26

 Bob receives the ciphertext 26 and uses the private key 37 to decipher the ciphertext:

Ciphertext: 26

 $P = 26^{37} = 5 \mod 77$ 

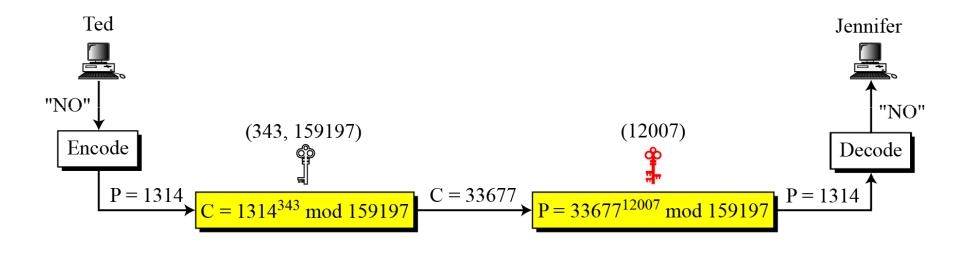
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## Some Trivial Examples...

Jennifer creates a pair of keys for herself. She chooses p = 397 and q = 401. She calculates n = 159197. She then calculates  $\Phi(n) = 158400$ . She then chooses e = 343 and e = 12007. Show how Ted can send a message to Jennifer if he knows e = 343 and e = 12007.

Suppose Ted wants to send the message "NO" to Jennifer. He changes each character to a number (from 00 to 25), with each character coded as two digits. He then concatenates the two coded characters and gets a four-digit number. The plaintext is 1314.

# Some Trivial Examples...



- A more realistic example
- We choose a 512-bit p and q, calculate n and Φ(n), then choose e and test for relative primeness with Φ(n). We then calculate d. Finally, we show the results of encryption and decryption. The integer p is a 159-digit number.

p =

961303453135835045741915812806154279093098455949962158225831508796 479404550564706384912571601803475031209866660649242019180878066742 1096063354219926661209

q =

 $120601919572314469182767942044508960015559250546370339360617983217\\314821484837646592153894532091752252732268301071206956046025138871\\45524969000359660045617$ 

• The modulus  $n = p \times q$ . It has 309 digits.

n =

 $115935041739676149688925098646158875237714573754541447754855261376\\147885408326350817276878815968325168468849300625485764111250162414\\552339182927162507656772727460097082714127730434960500556347274566\\628060099924037102991424472292215772798531727033839381334692684137\\327622000966676671831831088373420823444370953$ 

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• Bob chooses e = 35535 and tests it to make sure it is relatively prime with  $\Phi(n)$ . He then finds the inverse of e modulo  $\Phi(n)$  and calls it d.

e =	35535
<i>d</i> =	580083028600377639360936612896779175946690620896509621804228661113 805938528223587317062869100300217108590443384021707298690876006115 306202524959884448047568240966247081485817130463240644077704833134 010850947385295645071936774061197326557424237217617674620776371642 0760033708533328853214470885955136670294831

#### Example

 Alice wants to send the message "THIS IS A TEST", which can be changed to a numeric value using the 00–26 encoding scheme (26 is the space character).

P = 1907081826081826002619041819

• The ciphertext calculated by Alice is  $C = P^e$ , which is

C = 475309123646226827206365550610545180942371796070491716523239243054 452960613199328566617843418359114151197411252005682979794571736036 101278218847892741566090480023507190715277185914975188465888632101 148354103361657898467968386763733765777465625079280521148141844048 14184430812773059004692874248559166462108656

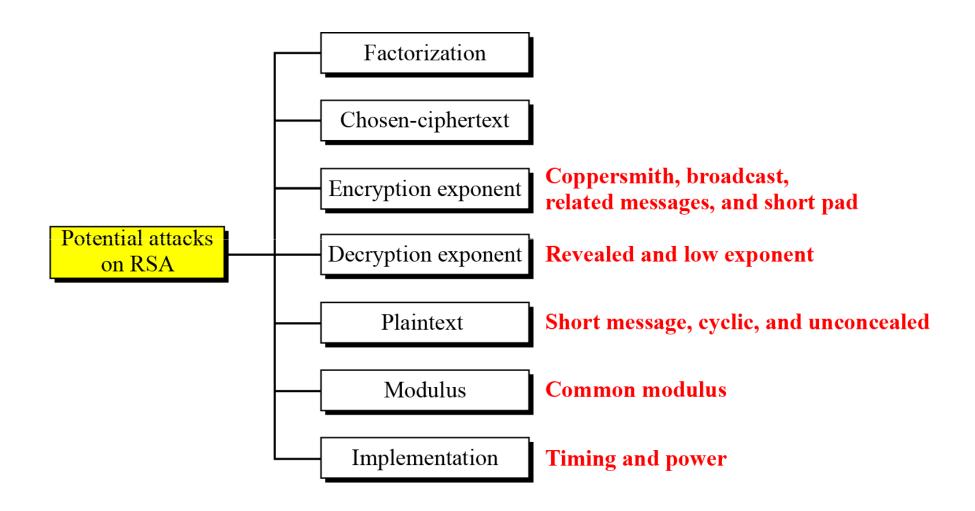
• Bob can recover the plaintext from the ciphertext using  $P = C^d$ , which is

P =

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 The recovered plaintext is "THIS IS A TEST" after decoding.

## Attacks on RSA



### **OAEP:Optimal Asymmetric Encryption Padding**

M: Padded message

P: Plaintext  $(P_1 \parallel P_2)$ 

G: Public function (*k*-bit to *m*-bit)

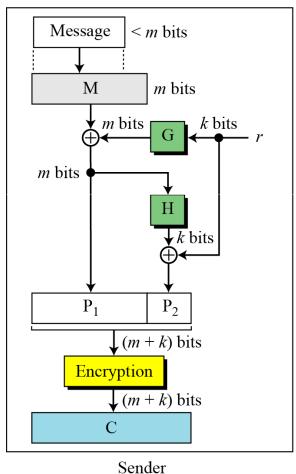
Message

*r*: One-time random number

C: Ciphertext

H: Public function (*m*-bit to *k*-bit)

< m bits



m bits m bits

Receiver

### QUADRATIC CONGRUENCE

 In cryptography, we also need to discuss quadratic congruence that is, equations of the form

$$a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0 \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$$
.

• We limit our discussion to quadratic equations in which  $a_2 = 1$  and  $a_1 = 0$ , that is equations of the form

$$x^2 \equiv a \pmod{n}$$
.

## Quadratic Congruence Modulo a Prime

#### Example

- The equation  $x^2 \equiv 3 \pmod{11}$  has two solutions,
- $x \equiv 5 \pmod{11}$  and  $x \equiv -5 \pmod{11}$ .
- But note that  $-5 \equiv 6 \pmod{11}$ , so the solutions are actually 5 and 6.

#### Example

• The equation  $x^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{11}$  has no solution. No integer x can be found such that its square is 2 mod 11.

#### Quadratic Residues and Nonresidue

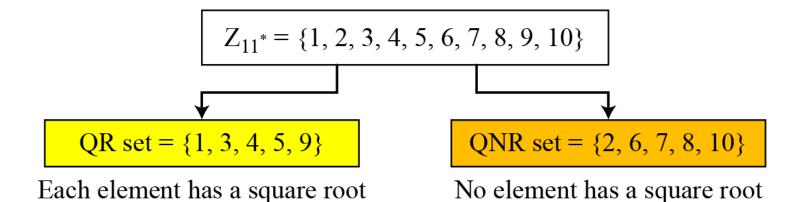
- In the equation  $x^2 \equiv a \pmod{p}$ , a is called a quadratic residue (QR) if the equation has two solutions;
- a is called quadratic nonresidue (QNR) if the equation has no solutions.

#### Example

- How many QRs in  $Z_{11}^*$ ?
- How many QNRs in Z<sub>11</sub>\*?

#### Example

- There are 10 elements in  $Z_{11}^*$ .
- Exactly five of them are quadratic residues and five of them are nonresidues.
- In other words,  $Z_{11}^*$  is divided into two separate sets, QR and QNR, as shown in Figure.



#### Euler's Criterian

- If  $a^{(p-1)/2} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ , a is a quadratic residue modulo p.
- If  $a^{(p-1)/2} \equiv -1$  (mod p), a is a quadratic nonresidue modulo p.

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 $14^{(23-1)/2} \mod 23 \rightarrow 22 \mod 23 \rightarrow -1 \mod 23$  nonresidue

 $16^{(23-1)/2} \mod 23 \rightarrow 16^{11} \mod 23 \rightarrow 1 \mod 23 \text{ residue}$ 

- Special case
  - Special Case: p = 4k + 3

$$x \equiv a^{(p+1)/4} \pmod{p}$$
 and  $x \equiv -a^{(p+1)/4} \pmod{p}$ 

### Examples

Solve the following quadratic congruences

a. 
$$x^2 \equiv 3 \pmod{23}$$

b. 
$$x^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{11}$$

c. 
$$x^2 \equiv 7 \pmod{19}$$

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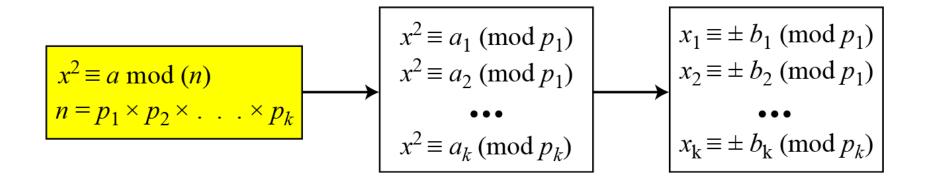
Solution

a. 
$$x \equiv \pm 16 \pmod{23}$$
  $\sqrt{3} \equiv \pm 16 \pmod{23}$ .

b. There is no solution for  $\sqrt{2}$  in  $Z_{11}$ .

c. 
$$x \equiv \pm 11 \pmod{19}$$
.  $\sqrt{7} \equiv \pm 11 \pmod{19}$ .

### Quadratic Congruence Modulo a Composite



### Quadratic Congruence Modulo a Composite...

#### Example

• Assume that  $x^2 \equiv 36 \pmod{77}$ . We know that  $77 = 7 \times 11$ . We can write

```
x^2 \equiv 36 \pmod{7} \equiv 1 \pmod{7} and x^2 \equiv 36 \pmod{11} \equiv 3 \pmod{11}
```

The answers are x ≡ +1 (mod 7), x ≡ − 1 (mod 7), x ≡ +5 (mod 11), and x ≡ − 5 (mod 11). Now we can make four sets of equations out of these:

```
Set 1: x \equiv +1 \pmod{7}x \equiv +5 \pmod{11}Set 2: x \equiv +1 \pmod{7}x \equiv -5 \pmod{11}Set 3: x \equiv -1 \pmod{7}x \equiv +5 \pmod{11}Set 4: x \equiv -1 \pmod{7}x \equiv -5 \pmod{11}
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• The answers are  $x = \pm 6$  and  $\pm 27$ .

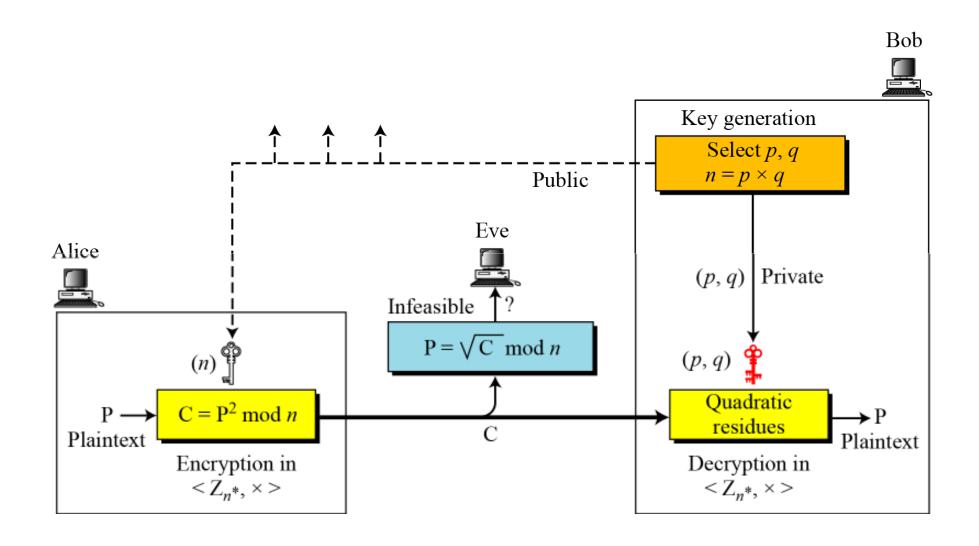
### Quadratic Congruence Modulo a Composite...

#### Complexity

- How hard is it to solve a quadratic congruence modulo a composite?
- The main task is the factorization of the modulus.
- Therefore, the complexity of solving a quadratic congruence modulo a composite is the same as factorizing a composite integer.
- If n is very large, factorization is infeasible.

Solving a quadratic congruence modulo a composite is as hard as factorization of the modulus.

- The Rabin cryptosystem can be thought of as an RSA cryptosystem in which the value of e and d are fixed.
- The encryption is  $C \equiv P^2 \pmod{n}$  and the decryption is  $P \equiv C^{1/2} \pmod{n}$ .
- The value of p and q are private



#### **Algorithm 10.6** Key generation for Rabin cryptosystem

#### Algorithm 10.7 Encryption in Rabin cryptosystem

#### Algorithm 10.8 Decryption in Rabin cryptosystem

#### Example

- 1. Bob selects p = 23 and q = 7. Note that both are congruent to 3 mod 4.
- 2. Bob calculates  $n = p \times q = 161$ .
- 3. Bob announces n publicly; he keeps p and q private.
- 4. Alice wants to send the plaintext P = 24. Note that 161 and 24 are relatively prime; 24 is in  $Z_{161}^*$ . She calculates  $C = 24^2 = 93$  mod 161, and sends the ciphertext 93 to Bob.

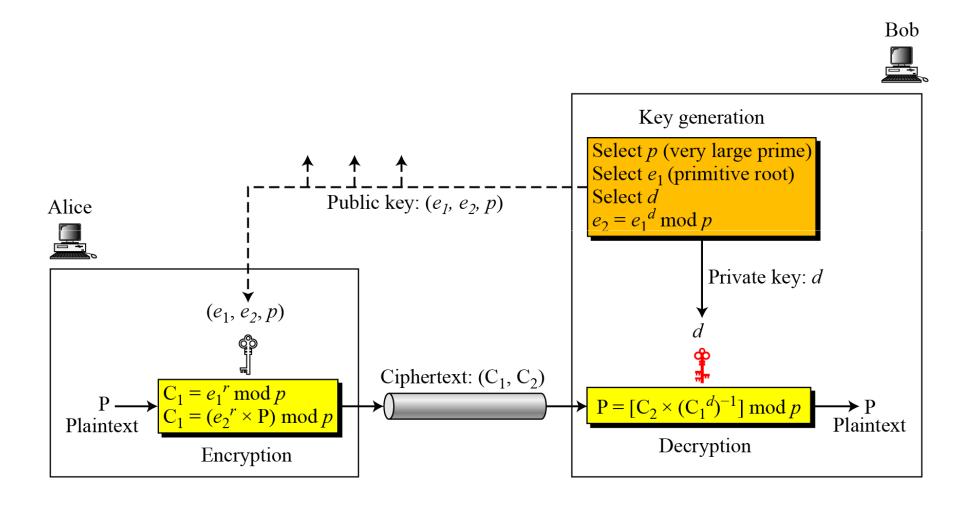
#### Example...

5. Bob receives 93 and calculates four values:

$$a_1 = +(93^{(23+1)/4}) \mod 23 = 1 \mod 23$$
  
 $a_2 = -(93^{(23+1)/4}) \mod 23 = 22 \mod 23$   
 $b_1 = +(93^{(7+1)/4}) \mod 7 = 4 \mod 7$   
 $b_2 = -(93^{(7+1)/4}) \mod 7 = 3 \mod 7$ 

6. Bob takes four possible answers, (a<sub>1</sub>, b<sub>1</sub>), (a<sub>1</sub>, b<sub>2</sub>), (a<sub>2</sub>, b<sub>1</sub>), and (a<sub>2</sub>, b<sub>2</sub>), and uses the Chinese remainder theorem to find four possible plaintexts: 116, 24, 137, and 45. Note that only the second answer is Alice's plaintext.

- Besides RSA and Rabin, another public-key cryptosystem is ElGamal.
- ElGamal is based on the discrete logarithm problem



### Key Generation

#### Algorithm 10.9 ElGamal key generation

### Encryption

#### Algorithm 10.10 ElGamal encryption

```
ElGamal_Encryption (e_1, e_2, p, P)  // P is the plaintext 

{
Select a random integer r in the group \mathbf{G} = \langle \mathbf{Z}_p^*, \times \rangle
C_1 \leftarrow e_1^r \mod p
C_2 \leftarrow (P \times e_2^r) \mod p  // C_1 and C_2 are the ciphertexts return C_1 and C_2
```

### Decryption

#### Algorithm 10.11 ElGamal decryption

The bit-operation complexity of encryption or decryption in ElGamal cryptosystem is polynomial.

#### Example

- Here is a trivial example. Bob chooses p = 11 and e<sub>1</sub>
   = 2 and d = 3.
- $e_2 = e_1^d = 8$ . So the public keys are (2, 8, 11) and the private key is 3.
- Alice chooses r = 4 and calculates C<sub>1</sub> and C<sub>2</sub> for the plaintext 7.

#### Plaintext: 7

 $C_1 = e_1^r \mod 11 = 16 \mod 11 = 5 \mod 11$   $C_2 = (P \times e_2^r) \mod 11 = (7 \times 4096) \mod 11 = 6 \mod 11$ **Ciphertext:** (5, 6)

- Example...
  - Bob receives the ciphertexts (5 and 6) and calculates the plaintext.

$$[C_2 \times (C_1^d)^{-1}] \mod 11 = 6 \times (5^3)^{-1} \mod 11 = 6 \times 3 \mod 11 = 7 \mod 11$$

Plaintext: 7

#### Example...

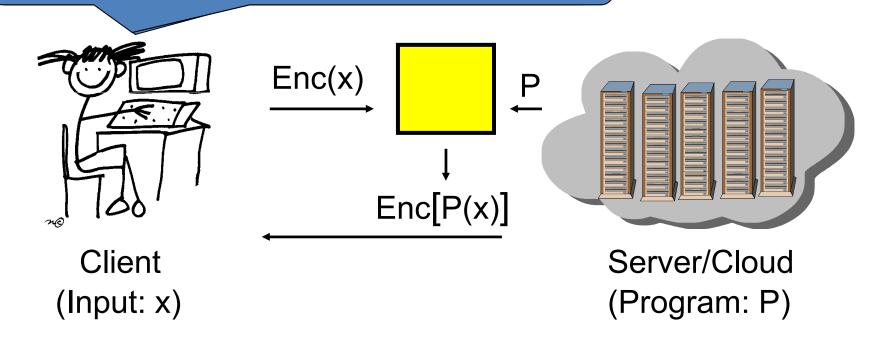
- Instead of using  $P = [C_2 \times (C_1^d)^{-1}] \mod p$  for decryption, we can avoid the calculation of multiplicative inverse and use  $P = [C_2 \times C_1^{p-1-d}] \mod p$ .
- We can calculate  $P = [6 \times 5^{11-1-3}] \mod 11 = 7 \mod 11$ .
- (Apply Fermat's little theorem  $a^{-1} \mod p = a^{p-2} \mod p$ )

For the ElGamal cryptosystem, p must be at least 300 digits and r must be new for each encipherment.

# HOMOMORPHIC ENCRYPTION

### The basic idea: Computing on encrypted data

"I want to delegate the computation to the cloud, but the cloud shouldn't see my input"



# Homomorphic encryption

- a form of encryption which allows specific types of computations to be carried out on ciphertext and generate an encrypted result which, when decrypted, matches the result of operations performed on the plaintext.
- allow the chaining together of different services without exposing the data to each of those services

# Homomorphic encryption

- Partially homomorphic encryption schemes
  - Either addition [e.g. Paillier] or
  - Multiplication [e.g. Elgamal]
- Fully homomorphic encryption schemes
  - Both addition and multiplication [e.g. Gentry et al.]

# Homomorphic encryption

- Partially homomorphic encryption schemes
  - Malleable by design
  - An encryption algorithm is malleable if it is possible for an adversary to transform a ciphertext into another ciphertext which decrypts to a related plaintext.
  - That is, given an encryption of a plaintext, it is possible to generate another ciphertext which decrypts to, for a known function, without necessarily knowing or learning.

# Assignment questions

BOB chooses p=101, q=113 and therefore n=11413.

$$\phi(n)=11200=2^6 \times 5^2 \times 7$$

Can the following be candidates of e?

- a. 25
- b. 32

Justify your answer.

## Assignment questions...

- Given (e,n), one would not be able to find d. Proove.
- "If the value of d is leaked, then changing it is not suffice. One needs to change the modulus n." Comment on the statement.

## Assignment questions...

- 4. Comment on the homomorphic property of RSA
- In an unpadded RSA cryptosystem, a plaintext m is encrypted as E(m)=me mod n, where (e,n) is the public key. Given such a ciphertext, can an adversary construct an encryption of mt for any integer t?

Now, think about the case when RSA is used with OAEP.